## FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Re Karchmer, Richard K.  (Last)  503 Airport Road  Medford, OR 97501	3. I.R.S. Numl Perso	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  PremierWest Bancorp PRWT   3. I.R.S. Identification     Number of Reporting     Person, if an entity     (Voluntary)  4. Statement for Month/Year October 16, 2002  5. If Amendment,     Date of Original     (Month/Year)						6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner  Officer (give Other (specify title below) below)  7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  XForm filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				Table I - Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Acquired, Disposed of, or I	•	e than One Reports	ig r cison	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/ Day/				3. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			(A) 5.			unt of rities ficially ed at of Month	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Owner- ship
			Year)	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Inst	r. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock										74,458	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

October 16, 2002

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3.Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4.Trans- action Code (Instr.8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	9.Number of deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene-	10.Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Security:	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Owner-
			Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer- cisable	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 5)	ficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	ship (Instr. 4)
Stock Option (062002) (right to buy)	\$7.060	06/20/2002	A	٧	4,500		12/23/2002	06/20/2012	Common Stock	4,500		4,500	D	
Stock Option (102404) (right to buy)	\$0.971						10/20/1999	10/24/2004	Common Stock	6,615		6,615	D	

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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/s/ Gordon E. Crim

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

10/16/2002 Date

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Richard K. Karchmer